

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

NATIONAL FIRE PROGRAM MANAGER

OPM Standard Requirements – GS-401

Bachelor's degree in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, or a related discipline appropriate to the position being filled; OR a combination of education and experience as defined in the Supplemental Qualification Standard for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist. Additional information can be obtained from OPM's Qualification Standards Operating Manual, Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Professional and Scientific Positions and the Individual occupational requirements for the 401 series. The Supplemental Qualification Standard for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist and assistance in interpreting the standard are posted at

http://www.nifc.gov/training_qual/IFPM/ifpm.htm

OPM's Qualification Standards Operating Manual is posted at

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/>

Recommended minimum grade level GS-14

Specialized Experience -

Applicants must have a minimum of one year of creditable specialized wildland fire management experience equivalent to the next lower grade level.

Specialized experience is that experience which has provided the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to successfully function in the wildland fire management position applied for. Possession of the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities can be evidenced by:

- reviewing and evaluating fire management plans for ecological soundness and technical adequacy.
- conducting field inspections before and after prescribed or wildland fires to determine if objectives were achieved and/or evaluate the effectiveness of actions taken.
- developing analyses on the ecological role of fire and its use and/or exclusion, and smoke management.

In addition to fire program management, appropriate experience must have included either prescribed fire/fuels management - OR - fire management operations as described below:

Prescribed fire/fuels management - experience in a broad range of activities such as:

- inventory methods and procedures
- fuel treatment methods and programming
- land use planning and environmental coordination
- evaluating prescribed burn plans or fire management plans to ensure containment is possible and identify contingencies if containment is not obtained.

Fire management operations - analyzing and applying fire management strategies, plus experience in at least five of the following activities:

- mobilization and dispatch coordination
- fire prevention and education
- training
- logistics
- equipment development and deployment
- fire communication systems
- suppression and preparedness
- aviation

The above specialized experiences may be evidenced by the following or similar positions:

Unit Fire Program Manager

OR

Geographic Area Fire Program Manager

OR

National-level fire program staff lead

OR

Experience as an Agency Administrator of a unit having a fire program

OR

Experience as an immediate supervisor of a Unit Fire Program Manager or of a Geographic Area Fire Program Manager

NWCG Incident Management Qualifications - Currency Not Required

Command: Incident Commander, Type 3 (ICT3), and Type 2 Command and General Staff position

AND

Operations: Task Force Leader (TFLD)

AND

Prescribed Fire: Prescribed Fire Burn Boss, Type 2 (RXB2)

Additional required training as presented in the following courses or agency equivalent:

- “Fire Program Management,” or “Local Fire Management Leadership” or “Fire Management Leadership”